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1. [ ] Met with Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and gave him a suggested reply to a constituent letter from Mr. [ ] Colorado, for Representative Wayne N. Aspinall (D., Colo.).

I also discussed with Mr. Slatinshek the letter from Chairman Richard H. Ichord (D., Mo.), of the House Committee on Internal Security, concerning disclosures in news accounts of information about Premier Lon Nol ostensibly taken from CIA reports. In brief, it is Mr. Slatinshek's suggestion that it would be well if Mr. Maury were to talk informally with Chairman Ichord about the matter.

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2. [ ] Met with Mr. Arthur Kuhl, Chief Clerk, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and reviewed with him the administrative arrangements for the Director's briefing for Tuesday, 7 July. Mr. Kuhl noted in passing that no meetings have been scheduled with State Department or USIA personnel concerning the Foreign Service nominees pending before the Committee, and as far as he knows none are contemplated.

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9. [ ] - JMM) Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, called to ask if the "Midnight Sun", a hydrographic research vessel detained by the government of Somali was involved in intelligence activities. I assured him that this was certainly not true so far as the Agency was concerned, and I was reasonably confident that no other U.S. agency was involved.

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5. [ ] Called Victor Zafra, Bureau of the Budget, for a status report on S. 782. Zafra said they had no problem with our proposed report, but wanted us to wait before sending it to Chairman Henderson until the BOB has cleared the reports of other departments and agencies. He said there is a question of possible threat of Presidential veto if certain language changes are not made, in which case BOB would want to give us more specific guidance than "no objection." In response to my query Zafra said that the Civil Service Commission has serious problems with the bill, especially sections 4 and 5 (dealing with recourse to the courts and appeal boards procedures). He said this, coupled with the desirability of a CIA/NSA exemption might be sufficient to warrant consideration of the veto.

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6. [ ] Met with Miss Dorothy Fosdick, Staff Director, Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations, Senate Committee on Government Operations, and received a copy of a paper in [ ] with a request for translation. [ ] DDI, has been advised.

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7. [ ] In response to his call to Mr. Maury picked up from Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, a constituent letter that had been forwarded to the Armed Services Committee by Representative Wayne N. Aspinall (D., Colo.). We will prepare a suggested reply for Representative Aspinall's use.

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4. [ ] Called the office of Senator Claiborne Pell and made a date to brief him on Agency use of [ ] at 4:30 p. m., Monday, 29 June 1970.

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5. [ ] Called Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and said that Chairman Henderson, House Manpower and Civil Service Subcommittee, suggested it might be helpful if Chairman Rivers sent separate letters to each member of Henderson's Subcommittee supporting our request for exemption from S. 782. Slatinshek said he would have this done.

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6. [ ] During a conversation with Garner J. Cline, Counsel, House Subcommittee on Immigration and Nationality, I was introduced to Kenneth Harkins, Chief Counsel, Antitrust Subcommittee, who is handling the staff work for the Judiciary Committee on the resolutions calling for the impeachment of Supreme Court Justice Douglas. (See Memorandum for the Record for details).

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7. [ ] Personnel, called to advise that a former staff employee, [ ] is running for the Congress from the second district of [ ].

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11. [ ] Mr. Douglas C. Sinclair, Legislative Affairs Comptroller, Department of Defense, mentioned that Bob Nicholas, on the staff of the Subcommittee on Military Construction, House Appropriations Committee, had pressed him for information on intelligence personnel in the DOD and CIA within the Washington area. Sinclair declined to provide information for CIA on the grounds that it was outside his authority. Sinclair merely wanted us to know about this. He is also mentioning the incident to Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant of the Committee. Sinclair does not know precisely why Nicholas wants this information, but it obviously has something to do with his role as staff assistant to Representative Robert Sikes Military Construction Subcommittee.

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12. [ ] Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, called to say Chairman Rivers had sent a letter to Chairman Henderson, House Manpower and Civil Service Subcommittee, requesting a complete exemption for the Agency from S. 782 (Ervin bill).

Slatinshek further said that the office of Representative Wayne Aspinall, who is in a hot campaign against a "dove," needs some material to answer a constituent letter charging that the Agency had "20,000 personnel in Cambodia" at the time of the coup and asking about the Agency budget and personnel strength. Slatinshek would like a draft response for Aspinall's use.

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1. [ ] Met with Russ Blandford, Chief Counsel, and Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and informed them that a new collection project on which they had been briefed was now operational and initial indications were promising. I told them we would shortly be able to give them an authoritative account of its effectiveness. I particularly emphasized the importance of maximum security regarding the project.

I reviewed our problems of S. 782 (Ervin bill) with Slatinshek and left with him backup material and a proposed draft letter from Chairman Rivers to Chairman Henderson, of the House Manpower and Civil Service Subcommittee, which is handling the bill. I suggested to Slatinshek that Rivers might mention to Representative Richard White, a member of both Armed Services and the Henderson Subcommittee, the seriousness of the problems the bill created for the Agency.

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2. [ ] Briefed Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, House Appropriations Committee, on activation of a new collection system and its promising prospects, emphasizing security sensitivity and explaining we would be ready to provide a detailed assessment shortly.

Reviewed S. 782 (Ervin bill) problem with Preston, and left with him a draft letter from Chairman Mahon to Chairman Henderson requesting a complete exemption for the Agency, together with backup material. Preston said he thought Chairman Mahon would be glad to call Representative Richard White (from a neighboring district in Texas) in our behalf.

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25X1 14. [ ] Briefed Representative Donald Lukens on our S. 782 problems. Lukens was cordial and responsive and assured me he would push for a complete exemption in the Subcommittee.

25X1 15. [ ] Met with Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, in connection with the Director's appearance tomorrow before the CIA Subcommittee of House Armed Services. Slatinshek said the Subcommittee had a number of items to take up tomorrow and would probably like our briefing to run not more than about an hour. He indicated that several Subcommittee members were seriously disturbed by the trend of events in Cambodia and would probably ask a number of questions about American involvement there.

25X1 16. [ ] Representative Lee Hamilton's secretary called to say the Congressman would have to cancel our 3:30 appointment this afternoon. She said he would not be able to see me prior to his departure for Vietnam.

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12. [ ] Met with Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, concerning the Soviet TU-95 flights to Cuba and told him that the monitoring or radar coverage of such flights is an operational military responsibility of NORAD. Although this response did not satisfy him completely, no further action on this matter is expected from us. (See Journal item of 12 June 1970.)

I also discussed S. 782 with Mr. Slatinshek and alerted him to the possibility of a request for a letter from the Chairman to the Subcommittee on Manpower and Civil Service, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee about the bill. I told him that we would draft a suggested letter for him along the lines of the Rivers to Henderson letter of 18 June 1968.

We discussed the Agency retirement legislation at some length. He does not feel that our bill has much of a chance of getting through both houses this year. Although he sees no problem as such in getting it through House Armed Services Committee and the House of Representatives, he pointed out that the Senate Armed Services Committee at present has some 38 House-passed bills, including the procurement and construction bills, that have not been acted upon. With this kind of backlog in the Senate Committee, he feels that our chances in the Senate are not too good for this session.

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